by the Ministry during the financial year 1988-89 under different heads; and

(b) what are the details of amounts of different grants which were not utilised alongwith the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) A consolidated amount of Rs. 11663.00 lakhs including an amount of Rs. 775.20 lakhs which was allowed to be carried forward from the previous year, was sanctioned during 1988-89.

(b) Since the financial year has just come to a close, the details regarding the utilisation are not yet available.

U.S.S.R. pressure on India for signing Non-Proliferation Treaty

1828. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in its renewed efforts, U.S.S.R. has been exerting pressure on the Government of India to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the U.S.S.R.'s mounting pressure to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty is based on the fact that two reactors are proposed to be supplied by U.S.S.R. to this country including disposal of waste which may come under their rigid control; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Indian Airlines without Chief Executive

1829. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state what are the reasons for allowing the Indian Airlines to remain without a Chief Executive when important decisions like augmentation of fleet are still pending ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : A regular incumbent has been appointed.

Fraud in Vikram Sarabhai Community Science Centre

1830. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vikram Sarabhai Community Science Centre, Ahmedabad is being given 70% grants by NCERT and the remaining 30% by the Government of Gujarat, if so whether the Central Government has appointed any Director on the Board of Trustees of the institution, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a fraud of Rs. 12 lakh was unearthed three years ago, if so, whether it was investigated and whether the internal and external auditors of the institution were called for explanation;

(c) whether a trustee of the institution can also act as Director of the institution, if not, who is the present Director, his qualifications and since when he is there; and

(d) whether there is a Governing Council, if so, when was the last meeting held and who are the members of the Board of Trustees and the Governing council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) The Vikram A. Sarabhai Community Science Centre is an activity of the Nehru Foundation for Development. The Centre receives 70% recurring grant from the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and 30% recurring grant from the Government of Gujarat. The Central Government has not appointed any Director on the Board of Trustees of the Nehru Foundation for Development.

(b) A fraud of Rs. 14.13 lakhs was detected in the year 1983. On detailed investigation, the then Accountant of the Centre was dismissed from service and a civil and criminal complaint lodged against him. The case is pending in the Gujarat High Court.

(c) Till February, 1986, the Institution has a whole-time Director. After his contract came to an end, it was decided by the Council of Management that the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Council of Management would hold the charge of Director till a regular incumbent takes over. The Selection Committee, appointed by the Council, to look for a Director has identified a senior person to be the next director of the Centre who is likely to assume charge shortly.

(d) The Vikram A. Sarabhai Community Science Centre is managed by a Council of Management. The last meeting of Council of Management was held on 26th February, 1988. The following are the members of the Council of Management:

1. Dr. M.P. Parameshwaran,
   Kerala Shastra Sahitya Parishad,
   Trivandrum.
2. Prof. U.G. Kulkarni,
   Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education,
   Bombay.
3. Dr. S.M. Nair,
   Director,
   National Museum of National History,
   New Delhi.
4. Dr. Saroj Ghose,
   Director,
   National Council of Science Museum,
   Calcutta.
5. Smt. Vijay Mulay,
   B-42, Friends Colony,
   New Delhi.
6. Director of Higher Education,
   Government of Gujarat,
   Gandhi Nagar (Gujarat).
7. Shri Kiran S. Karnik,
   Director,
   Development Educational Communication Unit, ISRO,
   Ahmedabad.
8. Prof. E.V. Chitnis,
   Adviser,
   Space Applications Centre,
   Ahmedabad.
9. Prof. P.R. Pishroty,
   Physical Research Laboratory,
   Ahmedabad.
10. Prof. Sudhir Pandya,
    Physical Research Laboratory,
    Ahmedabad.

11. Dr. Abhijit Sen,
Institute of Plasma Physics,
Ahmedabad.

12. Shri Kartikya V. Sarabhai,
Chidambaram, Usmanpura,
Ahmedabad.

13. Director,
National Council of Educational Research Training,
New Delhi.

14. Financial Adviser,
National Council of Educacational Research and Training,
New Delhi.

Depriving Railway Teachers of the benefit of extension after superannuation

1831. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent decision of the Railway Board depriving Railway Teachers of the benefit of two years of extension of service after superannuation, conferred by an award to them, on Teachers day by the President of India on the 9th May, 1984; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b)

Statement

The age of retirement for railway school teachers was enhanced from 58 to 60, with effect from 2-9-1983, on the basis of orders issued by the Department of Education for teachers in centrally administered schools since, traditionally, the Railway Ministry ave been following the service conditions laid down by the Department of Education for teachers in centrally administered schools.

Based on a writ petition in the Supreme Court by teachers of Ordnance Factory schools, Government reviewed the whole matter afresh, keeping in view the observations of the Supreme Court and the recommendations of the IV Central Pay Commission for a uniform retirement age of 58 years for all Central Government employees. Accordingly, Government have decided that the age of retirement for teachers working in all Central Government Organisations, including the Union Territories—whether they are in the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Defence, or any other Ministry or Department or in the Delhi Administration—should be uniformly 58 years, with effect from 1-4-1989.

This has therefore, been implemented by Ministry of Railways also. However, existing incumbents as on 31-3-1989 shall continue to enjoy the benefit of superannuation on attaining the age of 60 years.

Smuggling of Nepalese girls into India

1832. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about one lakh girls from Nepal are smuggled every year to India and are forced into the flesh trade as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of the 2nd January, 1989;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to stop illegal smuggling of girls from Nepal; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?